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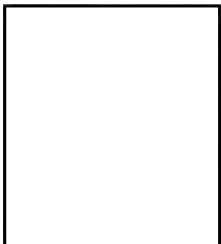
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1. Mr. Rhodes (Code 151, Ext. 4311), of the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee and its Preparedness Subcommittee (who is presently handling the staff work for the Special Subcommittee consisting of Senators Saltonstall, Bridges, and Russell investigating continental defense) called to state that Mr. Robert Sprague, the Special Consultant to the Subcommittee, plans to be in Washington on 17 and 18 November and desires a CIA briefing on 18 November. (He will receive an AEC briefing on 17 November). As far as Mr. Rhodes is aware, this briefing should be on the intelligence aspects of the threat against continental defense. I told Mr. Rhodes I would let him know as soon as possible as to whether such a briefing could be arranged. He stated that Mr. Sprague had already discussed the general situation with General Cutler at NSC and that we could get any information we needed from that source. Mr. Sprague, who was the original designee for Under Secretary of the Air Force, is the brother of a Mr. Sprague who has previously discussed this matter with the DCI.

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2. Mr. Joyce, of the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, called Mr. [redacted] to ascertain whether CIA was employing [redacted]. I called Mr. Joyce back and he stated that he had an inquiry from a Senatorial office merely desiring to know where [redacted] 25X1A was employed as the office concerned indicated he was in a secret agency. [redacted] informed me that Mr. [redacted] is still under 25X1A

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3. I talked with Senator Ellender, D., La., and invited him to a debriefing. As the Senator is leaving town tomorrow, the time has been set for 1600 this afternoon. (See Memorandum for the Director this date).

4. I have informed Mr. Wayne Brobeck, of the staff of the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, of the background information set forth in Item 1 of my Journal of 10 November.

5. The DCI debriefed Congressman Blatnik on 11 November following Blatnik's call on the President and the Secretary of State.

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